Government has made its stand clear that Pakistan's decision to invite the Hurriyat leaders to visit Islamabad and other cities in Pakistan violated an understanding between the two countries, and that the onus for any Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus passenger travelling beyond PoK lay on the Pakistani authorities.

Government was aware of the invitation of Government of Pakistan to the Hurriyat leaders. The Hurriyat leaders visited PoK and Pakistan in their individual capacities. Passports were issued to those Hurriyat leaders who did not possess Indian passports and made a request for the issue of such documents.

Local dialling withir. States

*78. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain States like Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, etc. telephone subscribers do not have to dial '0' to access mobile phones in another circle within the State from both mobile phones and landline phones;

(b) whether this facility is likely to be extended from landline to landline phones also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN) : (a) to (c) In May, 2005, it has been decided that the calls within a State having two service areas namely, Chennai & Tamil Nadu, Kolkata & West Bengal, Mumbai & Maharashtra and UP (East) & UP (West), would be treated as intra-service area calls. For landline to landline calls also, the facility of dialling without '0' between these service areas is available.

(d) Not applicable in view of (a) to (c) above.